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SUBJ: MEETING OF FOURTH COMITE, SEPT 24

1. AT REQUEST OF SEVERAL DELS, PRIORITY IS TO BE GIVEN TO PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN COMITE'S ORGANIZATION OF WORK. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN, APPEARS THAT PORTUGUESE, FACED WITH POSSIBILITY OF AFRICANS AND OTHERS SUPPORTING CALL FOR A VOTE WITH GOAL OF HUMILIATING TALLY AGAINST PORTUGAL, NOW HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SEEK VOTE ON SEATING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. CHAIRMAN DIAZ GONZALEZ (VENEZUELA) REFERRED TO SALIM LETTER OF SEPT 21 ADDRESSED TO HIM AS COMITE CHAIRMAN (A/C4/759, BEING DATAFAXED). LETTER URGES COMITE TO INVITE LEADERS "OF THOSE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN AFRICA WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU, TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN ITS PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES." CHAIRMAN HAS ASKED SECRETARIAT TO STUDY ANOTHER POINT IN SALIM LETTER, NAMELY, THAT "NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING AS APPROPRIATE REQUISITE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, MIGHT BE MADE." THIS SUGGESTION FOLLOWS ON THAT OF COMITE OF 24'S DRAFT REPORT OF SEPT 7 (A/AC 109/L 915). PENDING AVAILABILITY OF THIS STUDY, DISCUSSION ON QUESTION

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HAS BEEN POSTPONED, AS HAS CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATION

OF PRIORITY OF OTHER ITEMS, FINANCING PARTICIPATION OF
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TROUBLES MANY DELS, INCLUDING VENEZUELA,
INDIA, AND PREDICTABLY, UK AND FRANCE, ALTHOUGH IT DOES
NOT APPEAR TO CONCERN MANY OTHERS, INCLUDING FRG AND NEW
ZEALAND, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD VOTE FOR SEATING, SHOULD A
VOTE COME ABOUT.

2. IN OTHER BUSINESS, COMITE WENT THROUGH FORMALITIES
OF ELECTING HEIDWEILLER (NETHERLANDS) AND JOKA-BANGURA
(SIERRA LEONE) AS VICE PRESIDENTS AND GARVALOV (BULGARIA)
AS REAPPORTEUR. (SUDAN AND GUYANA NOMINATED HEIDWEILLER
AND JOKA-BANGURA; GARVALOV NOMINATED BY AUSTRIA.)

3. LENGTHY REMARKS WERE MADE BY DIAZ GONZALEZ, EMPHASIZING
THAT COUNTRIES PROVIDING ARMS TO BE USED AGAINST STRUGGLING
PEOPLES ONLY INCREASE THE DESIRES OF THOSE PEOPLES
TO RESIST COLONIALISM. USYG TANG WENT WELL BEYOND HIS
LANGUAGE OF LAST YEAR, CITING ANTI-COLONIAL OUTPOURING
WHICH HE OBSERVED DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA,
AND OBSERVING THAT A REDUCTION IN OUTSIDE ARMS SUPPORT
COULD LEAD TO THE FREEDOM OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES. TANG PRAISED
THE COOPERATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN INVITING
VISITING MISSIONS, AND URGED THAT THEIR EXAMPLE BE FOLLOWED
BY OTHER ADMINISTERING POWERS. AN EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL WAS
ACCEPTED THAT TANG'S REMARKS BE INCLUDED VERBATIM IN MINUTES,
AS WAS EGYPTINA REQUEST THAT COMITE OBSERVE MOMENT OF
SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO "HAVE FALLEN ON BATTLEFIELD."

4. REPORT ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES TO BE CIRCULATED
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